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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, UN,SF, WA

SUBJECT: UN COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA MACBRIDE

REF: A) LUSAKA 526

B) USUN 875

1. WE SUSPECT THAT MACBRIDE'S SURPRISE WAS RATHER  
FEIGNED OVER THE NEWS THAT THE UNITED STATES HAD EXPRESSED  
OPPOSITION TO SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA  
AND HAD CALLED FOR ITS REMOVAL (PARA 4 REFTEL 1). AS FAR AS  
WE ARE AWARE, THE ADMINISTRATION IS ON RECORD AS HAVING  
MADE SUCH A STATEMENT REPEATEDLY, AND WE BELIEVE MACBRIDE'S  
ATTENTION SHOULD BE CALLED TO THIS AGAIN AT THE NEXT APPROPRIATE  
OCCASION.

2. MACBRIDE'S DEPUTY, ENGERS (THE NETHERLANDS) TOLD US MARCH  
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8 THAT HE HAD RECEIVED TELEGRAM FROM MACBRIDE AFFIRMING THAT,

PRESS COMMENTS TO THE CONTRARY (UPI, NEW YORK TIMES), HE WAS NOT RESIGNING AS UN COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA. ENGERS ADDED THAT MACBRIDE IS UNDER ATTACK FROM VIRTUALLY ALL QUARTERS: THE OAU RADICALS FEEL THAT MACBRIDE, AS A WHITE, SHOULD NOT HAVE GIVEN AWAY THEIR BATTLE PLAN. FURTHER, IN ADDITION TO OUR CONCERN, THAT OF THE BRITISH, THE CHINESE, AND THE ZAMBIANS, ENGERS SAID THAT "SMALLER NATO COUNTRIES" (NOT, HE VOLUNTEERED, THE NETHERLANDS) WERE DISTURBED OVER BEING LUMPED INTO MACBRIDE'S ATTACKS ON NATO.

3. NETHERLANDS PERM REP KAUFMANN REPORTEDLY COMPLAINED TO WALDHEIM MARCH 8 OVER MACBRIDE'S STATEMENTS. DUTCH TELL US THAT IRISH ARE BLOCKING COORDINATED EC-9 APPROACH. LUXEMBOURG PERM REP, SPEAKING FOR EC-9 ASKS THAT WE WAIT UNTIL MARCH 9 BEFORE PLANNING APPROACH TO SYG. HE TELLS US THAT ONLY HALF OF NINE HAVE RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS AND HE WOULD PREFER TO WAIT UNTIL TOMORROW.  
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